(c) The status of the medical reimbursement claims submitted by the beneficiaries with the CGHS Directorate are available on Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's website viz. WWW.MOHFW.NIC.IN

(d) The bills of the CGHS Authorised Local Chemists are processed on a first-come-first-served basis.

(e) From December, 2004, onwards, the amount reimbursed against the medical claims of CGHS pensioner cardholders is directly credited to their Bank Accounts through the Electronic Clearance System (ECS).

Naturopathy System of Medicine

†*608. SHRI BALVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recognized "Naturopathy" as a system of medicine;

(b) if so, whether guidelines governing qualification, classification and syllabus for the doctors of this system have been prepared; and

(c) if not, whether there is any such scheme under consideration of Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) There is no central law for regulating education and practice in Naturopathy at present. As such, there are no legal provisions or guidelines governing qualification, classification and syllabus for the practitioners of naturopathy at central level. The question of setting up of a statutory body for regulating education and practice in Yoga and Naturopathy was examined in the past. In view of the small number of colleges imparting Degree Courses and the limited infrastructure available with most of the State Governments, it was decided that the time was not yet ripe to set up a statutory body for Yoga and Naturopathy. The State Governments have been advised to set up their own bodies for regulating education in Yoga and Naturopathy in the respective States.

MNCs' Monopoly in grain market

†*610. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.